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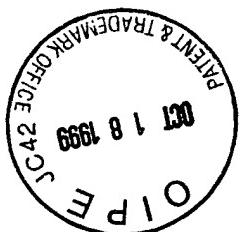
Title:

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**SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR**  
**SELECTING A GATEWAY OF A HYBRID COMMUNICATION**  
**SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

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In accordance with the duty specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, Applicant respectfully requests that the art listed on the attached form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this art is not enclosed as per instructions from the Examiner since such art has previously been provided. No representation is made or intended that a search has been made or that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Some of the art cited may not be prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102, and Applicants reserve the right to prove such by filing date of the application or by swearing behind relevant reference dates. Much of the art cited on the PTO Form-1449 was listed in an International Search Report dated April 3, 1999, in connection with International application no. PCT/US 98/07927. A copy of the search report is enclosed herewith.

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